

## Poem by Emily Dickinson

*THIS is my letter to  
the world,  
That never wrote to  
me,—  
The simple news that  
Nature told,  
With tender majesty.*

*Her message is  
committed  
To hands I cannot  
see;  
For love of her, sweet  
countrymen,  
Judge tenderly of  
me!*

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Student L

Fifth Grade Pre-Test: Emily Dickinson Poem

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

5<sup>th</sup>

Please read the poem by Emily Dickinson. Answer the four questions related to the poem.

What does the author think about the world? Provide evidence from the story to defend your answer.

I think the author thinks the world is graceful, beautiful and majestic.

What did the author mean when she wrote "The simple news that Nature told with tender Majesty"? Provide evidence from the story to defend your answer.

Emily Dickinson meant soft grace when she said that.

What do you think this poem is about? Give a reason why you think so.

I think this poem is about the world telling Emily something.

Create a title for this poem. Give a reason why your title is good.

I think The world would be a good title because, This whole poem talks about the world.

*Poem by Emily Dickinson*

*There is no frigate like a book  
To take us lands away,  
Nor any coursers like a page  
Of prancing poetry.  
This traverse may the poorest take  
Without oppress of toll;  
How frugal is the chariot  
That bears a human soul!*

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please read the poem by Emily Dickinson. Answer the four questions related to the poem.

What does the author think about books? Provide evidence from the story to defend your answer.

I think the author loves books. I know this because of this line "There is no frigate like a book", meaning there's nothing like a book.

A frigate is a small warship. Why does the author compare a book to a frigate? Provide evidence from the story to defend your answer.

A book and a frigate are alike due to a book can take you away. My sport is this line "To take us lands away."

What one word best describes what this poem is about? Give a reason why you think so.

Wonderful. This encourages people to read, because a book or poem is a wonderful thing.

Create a title for this poem. Give a reason why your title is good.

Read a book. This title says a lot about this poem, because the author encourages you to read in this poem.